

Liffin Feb 20th 1849 -

Dear Cousin -

It was with feelings of regret & sorrow
that I read of the death of Aunt Mary Ann, when I left
Northampton it was with the fond hope that I should at
one day see Aunt Anne & health, that she would again
take me by the hand, and give me that hearty welcome
which ever greeted me at her home, but alas how uncertain
are all things here on Earth - how delusive are our fondest hopes -
Today all is bright & sunny, tomorrow all sadness & gloom, today
we are surrounded by friends and all that is calculated to make
us happy, tomorrow, death may have called for an inmate
those for whom we cherish the fondest feelings; there are
many call friends & relations. Such is life -

Cousin I feel under renewed obligations to you and your parents
for the kindness with which you treated me while at your house -
It is not the gifts of wealth that make up the sum of life, nor the
the little offices of kindness performed by those whom we love -

We are to have a wedding here next Tuesday, one of Mr
O'Leary's daughters is to be married to a Mr Ely of Fox Ball -
I have a bid to the wedding, and also to a party at Mr
S. H. Hall's; I expect the affair at O'Leary's ^{will be} the grandest affair
ever had in this place, paying for the feast that we have
sold them five boxes of Raisins, sixty five pounds of loaf
sugar, and about forty or fifty pounds of Butter and Eggs with

- mutton, turkey, & Beef Tompoxen, I wish you could see her.
Prof Singer is at home. as yet I have not had the opportunity
to call on her; this neglect is owing no doubt to my absence
from the city, I will have the pleasure of seeing her on
the evening of the party.

Mr Stens family is well at present
with the exception of the Old Man, he is laboring under
one of his sick spells, I saw the paper you sent by me to
Miss Emelin by Jesse - with your respects to the family - I wish
you to remember me to all my friends in Northampton and more
particularly to the Dacys; say to them I am a candidate for the State matrimonial - Give my
thanks to General Millier for his kindness in writing
to me; say to him that I will write him soon -

Give my love to General Dimock and tell him that
his friend Dr John of this place was at his fathers
last week - Remember me to Miss Sarah S. - my particu-
lar friend - Give my love to Aunt & Uncle Johnson with
many wishes for their welfare - Louis & Mary you -
must not forget you Louis & Leinster, for I have written
promises many long ago, that I am to have an invitation
to you wedding so do not forget - Mrs & Mr Irish
wish a place in your remembrance - All are well - and as
it is getting late, I shall have to close this sheet, with the
hope that you will excuse the many errors which you
will find in it -

Miss Mary Johnson
Northampton

Yours in S. I. & F.

Abner N. Johnson